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FM AMEMBASSY BEIRUT
TO AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS
INFO SECSTATE WASHDC 1739

C O N F I D E N T I A L BEIRUT 7388

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ATRN, LE, SY
SUBJECT: MAIL RUN

REF: DAMASCUS 6043

1. PARA 2 OF REFTEL STATES THAT SYRIAN DEFENSE MINISTRY INSISTS THAT RESPONSIBILITY OF ISSUANCE OF PERMIT IS WITH MINISTRY OF INTERIOR, YET AFTER DOUBLE-CHECKING WITH RSO WHO CLOSELY QUESTIONED DRIVERS, THEY (DRIVERS) MAINTAIN THAT SYRIAN ARMY LT. WAS QUITE SPECIFIC ABOUT WANTING TO SEE SOMETHING WITH A MINDEF STAMP ON IT. IN ANY CASE, BEIRUT PERFECTLY WILLING TO ORGANIZE "A" POUCH RUNS PER YOUR RECOMMENDATION PARA 1 REFTEL. ALSO APPRECIATE YOUR REPRESENTATIONS TO MIN OF INTERIOR ON OUR BEHALF (PARA 4 REF).

2. WE EXPECT THAT MUCH OR ALL OF "A" POUCH BACKLOG WILL BE CLEANED UP AT OCCASION OF SEP 14 EXERCISE SO WE DO NOT PLAN SEPARATE POUCH RUN THAT DAY. WE DO, HOWEVER, TENTATIVELY PLAN TO HAVE A SEP 21 "A" POUCH RUN. WILL NOTIFY DAMASCUS SEPTEL OF DETAILS.

3. FOR POWELL FROM BAQUET: UNDERSTAND FROM MOTORPOOL THAT 10418 HAS CARBURETOR PROBLEMS. PERHAPS THAT CAN BE TAKEN CARE OF BEFORE THE 14TH. OTHERWISE WE'RE OBLIGED TO WAIT FOR ARRIVAL OF SEABEE HARRIS.
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